

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification

Please cancel the amendment previously requested in the Reply mailed September 27, 2002, to the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 12, and ending on page 9, line 14. Please replace that paragraph by the following paragraph.

The polymeric thickener should be used in an amount sufficient to thicken the composition to the desired thickness, for example 0.1 to 12% by weight of the oil. The amount preferably used varies with the application. It is usually unnecessary to use more than 10% of the total composition, e.g. 3-10%, and smaller amounts such 0.3 to 7%, for example of about 5%, are often effective.

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